


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A method for allowing an application to retrieve data from participating applications sharing an information bus, comprising the steps of:
 - a. connecting the application to the information bus as an event consumer;
 - b. identifying data within the application that is needed;
 - c. notifying the information bus of the data needed from other participating applications;
 - d. receiving notice of the data needed is available by data name from another participating application;
 - e. requesting the data by name via the information bus;
 - f. generating an event listener for monitoring announcements and notifications from other participating applications on the information bus; and
 - g. announcing ~~the data change~~ to the ~~registered participating~~ application from which the data was originally obtained that the data has changed.
 2. (Cancelled).
 3. (Previously amended). The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - h. changing the requested data after receipt.
 4. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein step d further comprises specifying the data name by way of a property.

5. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein step d further comprises specifying the data name by way of a parameter.

6. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising:
h. providing a view associated with the data needed.

7. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the data is a Java Object.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of:

h. providing descriptive and identifying information about the data.

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 9 further comprising~~
Apparatus for retrieving data across an information bus for use with an application, the
data being retrieved from other application sharing the information bus, the apparatus
comprising:

data notification logic to notify the information bus of the need for a desired data
element;

data element retrieval logic to retrieve a requested data element from the
information bus;

event listening logic for monitoring announcements and notifications from other
participating applications over the information bus;

data element managing logic configured to change the data within a data
element; and

the data notification logic is configured to announce ~~the data change~~ across the information bus to the participating application from which the data element originated that the data has changed.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[9]] 11 wherein the data element provides a view associated with the data item.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[9]] 11 wherein the data element is a Java Object.

14. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use within a computer system to provide an application with data retrieval capabilities from participating applications sharing an information bus, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied on the medium for enabling data to be accessed across the computer system, the medium further comprising:

program code to connect the application to the information bus as an event consumer;

program code to identify data within the application that is needed;

program code to notify the information bus of the data needed from other participating applications;

program code to receive notice of the data needed and available by data name from other participating applications;

program code to request the data by name via the information bus;

program code to generate an event listener for monitoring announcements and notifications from other participating applications on the information bus; and

program code for announcing ~~the data change~~ to the ~~registered-participating~~ application from which the data was originally obtained that the data has changed.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously amended). The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising:

program code to change the requested data after receipt.

17. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to specify the data name using a property.

18. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to specify the data name using a parameter.

19. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to provide a view associated with the data.

20. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the data is a Java Object.

21. (Previously amended) The computer program product of claim 14 further comprising program code to providing descriptive and identifying information about the data.
